

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the start of each meeting.

Dated: December 26, 2013.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the ABC Control Rule Working Group (Working Group) and Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22 until 3 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Gulf of Fishery Management Council office, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630; fax: (813) 348-1711; email: [steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

**ABC Control Rule Working Group Agenda, Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 1 p.m. Until 5 p.m.**

The Working Group is a subset of the SSC that also includes members from the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Its function is to develop and evaluate potential revisions to the ABC control rule that was implemented in 2012. Agenda items for the working group include:

**1. Review of Alternative Approaches To Setting ABC To Account for Scientific Uncertainty**

- a. Impose a pre-specified coefficient of variation into the pdf based on expert judgment of the SSC
- b. Establish a buffer below OFL of 0% to 25%, based on species life history (e.g., longer-lived species get a larger buffer)
- c. Modify the Tier 1 spreadsheet to develop a score that would be used to determine the number of standard deviations to add to the pdf
- d. SEFSC approaches based on Ralton et al. (2011)
- e. Expand the range of potential P\* values in the Tier 1 spreadsheet from 30%–50% to 1%–50%
- f. Other approaches
- g. Working Group recommendations

**2. Other ABC Control Rule Business**

- a. Recommendation on whether to proceed with a separate action to revise the method for determining P\*
- b. Other Business

**Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC Agenda, Thursday, January 23, 2014, 8:30 a.m. Until 5 p.m.; Friday, January 24, 2014, 8:30 a.m. Until 3 p.m.**

1. Approval of August 6–8, 2013 Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC summary minutes
2. Review of Red Snapper MRIP Issues
3. Review of Other Reef Fish MRIP Issues
4. Annual Catch Limits Monitoring Overview
5. Red Snapper Slot Limit Analysis
6. Alternative Red Snapper ABCs
  - a. based on FSPR 26% (constant catch and constant F)
  - b. based on FMAX (constant catch and constant F)
7. Pros and Cons of Setting Recreational Red Snapper Quota in Numbers
8. East and West Regional ABC Recommendations for Red Snapper
  - a. With Mississippi in the East region
  - b. With Mississippi in the West region
9. ABC Control Rule Revisions and Report of the ABC Control Rule Working Group
10. Update on SEDAR Assessment Schedule
11. SEDAR 40—Red Grouper Benchmark Assessment—preliminaries
  - a. Review and approval of terms of reference
  - b. Review of schedule and selection of panel participants
12. Tentative Dates for 2014 SSC Meetings
13. Selection of SSC representative at February 3–7, 2014 Council meeting (Houston)

**14. Other business**

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XD057**

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application for a new scientific research and enhancement permit and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a scientific research and enhancement permit (permit 17781) relating to salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment. The applications and related

documents may be viewed online at: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/sjrrestorationprogram/salmonreintroduction.htm>. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment by contacting NMFS by phone 916-930-3600.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on January 30, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Administrator, California Central Valley Area Office, West Coast Region, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95814. Comments may also be submitted by email to [SR/spring.salmon@noaa.gov](mailto:SR/spring.salmon@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elif Fehm-Sullivan, Sacramento, CA, ph: 916-930-3723.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in This Notice**

This notice is relevant to federally threatened CV spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and California Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

**Authority**

Scientific research and enhancement permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

**Application Received**

On December 5, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) submitted an application and supporting documents to NMFS for a section 10(a)(1)(A) permit (permit 17781). USFWS is requesting a 5-year permit to collect, transport, and release

Central Valley (CV) spring-run Chinook salmon, for the purposes of reintroduction into the San Joaquin River. The USFWS, under the auspices of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP), is requesting over a period of five years: (1) The annual collection of juvenile CV spring-run Chinook salmon and eggs from the Feather River Fish Hatchery (FRFH) and their release into the San Joaquin River or Salmon Conservation and Research Facility (SCARF); (2) the collection of CV spring-run Chinook salmon and eggs produced or reared at either the interim facility or the permanent SCARF (from broodstock collected under ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit 14868) and their release into the San Joaquin River.

Up to 54,400 CV spring-run Chinook salmon juveniles or 80,000 CV spring-run Chinook salmon eggs originating from the FRFH will be collected annually for translocation. The translocation will follow protocols to minimize impacts to both fish and the existing environment. Quarantine requirements, as defined by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) pathologists, will be followed for juveniles. If quarantine is required, juveniles may be transported to a quarantine facility at either the Silverado Fisheries Base (Silverado) located in Yountville, California or the Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture (CABA) located in Davis, California. The collected juveniles will be trucked from the FRFH (or the quarantine facility) to translocation sites in the San Joaquin River. The collected eggs will be trucked to stream side incubators, where they will hatch and rear until they are large enough for marking and release into the San Joaquin River. Short-term confinement is required for sufficient imprinting of juveniles, which may occur either in or alongside the San Joaquin River or at SCARF. All fish will be adipose fin clipped, coded wire tagged, and may be Calcein marked prior to release. Starting in year two, approximately 200 yearlings are expected to be released, annually, for each of the first three brood years from the interim or permanent SCARF. Also in the fourth and fifth year of the permit, up to 100 adult broodstock and 50,000 eggs from the interim or permanent SCARF may be released to the river.

The USFWS will collect CV spring run Chinook juveniles from the FRFH between January and March, unless the FRFH is able to segregate and hold juveniles on site prior to coded wire tagging procedures. In this case, the USFWS would collect juveniles as late as April for translocation. Any juveniles

requiring transport directly to the San Joaquin River, or another facility (i.e. SCARF), would be moved between January and April. Juveniles will be released between October and April. Adult release will typically take place between April and October. The release of CV spring-run Chinook salmon will be monitored annually through rotary screw trapping, snorkel surveys and escapement surveys. California Central Valley steelhead may be incidentally captured during these activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued to USFWS for the purpose of collecting ESA-listed spring-run Chinook salmon and carrying out the research and enhancement program.

NMFS will publish a notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 24, 2013.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Final guidance.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) publishes this Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (DoD Recipient LEP Guidance). The DoD Recipient LEP Guidance derives from the prohibition against national origin discrimination in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the context of individuals with limited English proficiency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Beatrice Bernfeld at [Beatrice.m.bernfeld.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Beatrice.m.bernfeld.civ@mail.mil) or (703) 571-9336. Arrangements to receive the policy in an alternative format may be made by contacting the named individual.